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Applicants' election of Group I has been noted. Upon review, it appears there was a typographic mistake in the previous action. This group should have contained claims 19 and 20 as well. Therefore, Group I is now considered to contain 1-20 and 35-37. The election of species in the reply filed on 11 January 2008 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicants elected Species A but did not provide "a listing of all claims readable thereon." See Page 3, Paragraph 3 of the previous action mailed 11 December 2007. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a).

As the invention and species have been elected in the response of 11 January 2008, Applicants only need to point out the claims that correspond to Species A in their response to this action to allow the prosecution to continue.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JOSHUA MURDOUGH whose telephone number is (571)270-3270. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday, 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Fischer can be reached on (571) 272-6779. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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